WRIGHT MAY ORGANIZE AERIAL ARMY FOR U. S.

Favors Small, High Climbing Plane With but a Single Gun.

Dayton, O .- Orville Wright, inventor of the aeropiane, announced that in ase of war with Germany he would shandon his private affairs and offer his services to the government to help organize an aerial army.

While I could not duplicate Henry ford's offer to manufacture war machines because I have disposed of my interests in the manufacturing end of the business," Wright asserted, "I cermily will do everything I can for the

"We have a pitifully small number of military and licensed civilian pilots to meet an emergency, but that need not trouble us a great deal if we meet the situation promptly.

It takes but about two weeks to detelop and train a good military aerial observer. It takes two weeks more to make him a competent fighting man. "As for the type of aerial defense, 1

sould favor the small, high climbing plane, light and unarmored except for single gun. It can jump in and de s lot of damage and get away while heavier planes are getting started.

"I would be absolutely against the manufacture of Zeppelins or dirigibles except for observation purposes. As an offensive weapon in war the Zeppelin ons been a flat failure."

INCLE SAM SWAMPED WITH SPY APPLICANTS

Several Linguists Say They Could Make Themselves Agreeable to Foreign Diplomats.

washington.-Uncle Sam will never run short of spies. He has been fairly swamped with applications for appointments in the secret service since the diplomatic break with Germany.

Judging by the number of applications coming in, every family must have at least one husky young movie a daring, dashing, omnipresent, well dressed, swagger and handsome secret ready on a moment's notice to rush out from ambuscade, hop in an automobile ress to a secret rendezvous, there to postoffice for it. make the grim, stern, heartbreaking choice between enchantress and cold. gloomy duty, nobly rising to the occasion, grabbing her traveling bag and retuning with the plans and specifications of an explosive doughnut to the waiting chief of the secret service in

Of course all the present war fever applicants for jobs in the secret service have special qualifications. Several of them know foreign languages. Many of them are expert dancers and could make themselves agreeable to foreign diplomats and their families, particuarly the diplomatic daughters, who are bound to "leak" a lot of state secrets to a first class fox trotter maybe.

RIDS TOWN OF TRAMPS.

"Knights of Road" Confronted With Sign of Skull and Bones. Nesquehoning, Pa .- While almost ev-

ay other community throughout the state and probably throughout the entire country is being bothered with the tramp nuisance, these "knights of the toad" are giving Nesquehoning a wide One day a "Weary Willie" had the

sudacity to come into the town and atlempt to eke out an existence without working. It was decided to rid the town of him and thereby discourage others from leading a free and easy Me. Various ways were discussed, and being put into the barrel he said: To Nesquetroning 1 bid adieu.

and I'll never come back again to see you. He reached the bottom of the hill more dead than alive and after extritating himself made a dash for the wilds of Broad mountain. That was the last ever seen of him. His treatment reached the ears of many other tramps, who to this day fear even to pass through the town.

"SHORT SKIRTS MAKE 'EM EAT"

Lecturer Would Cut Living Cost by Changing Fashions. Philadelphia. - Short skirts and silk

stockings made a girl eat so much she becomes bad tempered. An inch from the skirt means a ound of beefsteak inside.

Highly colored dresses are very danterous and make a girl irritable.

A calico dress is better than imitation silk.

A woman's first duty is to make herelf as beautiful as she can.

These are a few excerpts from the aw of clothes laid down by Miss Jane Newcomb, a State college extension ecturer, in a talk to a group of women the Friends' Central school.

Miss Newcomb first gave warning that the less a girl wears the more she bust eat to keep warm. In the day of thort skirts and high living costs Miss Newcomb has in her investigation into the folly of fashions come to the condistion that to lengthen the skirt is to therten the grocer's bill.

Arkansas the Mighty. If all the rice in Arkansas were one

grain it would take a Grand canyon to store it. If all the corn in Arkansas were one ear it would take the combined force of all stump pullers to extract one grain from that ear. If all the chickens in Arkansas were one chicken it would straddle the Rocky mountains like a colossus and its crow would shake the rings from Saturn. If all the hogs in Arkansas were one hog he could stand with his hind feet on the island of Cuba and his fore feet on the isthmus of Panama and dig the canal with one stroke of his snout. If all the cows in Arkansas were one cow she could graze on the evergreens of the tropics and switch the icicles from the north pole with her tail and it would take a canal from the great lakes to the gulf of Mexico to carry boats laden with her butter and cheese. If all the mules in Arkansas were one mule he could stand with one fore foot on Mexico and the other fore foot on Canada and kick the man out of the moon.-H. S. Taylor, Inspector United States Indian Service.

Art of Politeness.

All truly artistic effort is a labor of love, and love never counts the cost. Art has no price and makes none. A perfect art of politeness ever in-

volves in one respect or another acts of self abnegation.

There is the famous example of Lord Stair and Louis XIV. when his lordship, being bidden by the king to precede him into one of the royal carriages, immediately complied.

The politeness was equal on both sides. The French sovereign gave proof of so magnanimous a monarch by abandoning his prerogative of precedence in his own dominions to the Scotch viscount.

The English ambassador returned the compliment by yielding immediate obedience to the behest of a king who was not his master. Neither sacrifice was outdone by the other.

Early Railroading.

Some seventy five years ago when two trains of the Western Atlantic railway met on the road's single track line violent discussions ensued between the conductors as to which train should back up and take the sidetrack, and the engineers frequently joined in the dispute. Rule 14, issued March 1, 1852, says: "As a general rule when trains meet between stations the ian who yearns for the exciting life of train nearest the turnout will run back. Any dispute as to which train is to retire is to be determined at once by service agent, spending the winter in the conductors without interference Florida watching foreign diplomats on the part of the engineman. This and spies, with nothing much to do ex- rule is required to be varied in favor cept keep his flannel trousers well of the heaviest loaded engine or worst creased all the time so that he may be grades if they meet near the center." Conductors were admonished never to leave either terminal point without the to follow some fair foreign enchant- mail or at least first sending to the

Frightful Friends.

The friend who welcomes you by creeping up behind and knocking off

your hat. The friend who invites you to the theater and buys only one ticket. The friend who introduces you to

Miss Wallflower and then disappears. The friend you ask to dinner on Saturday and who stays over the week

The friend who drops in to talk over old times and incidentally borrows all your spare cash. The friend who insists that you visit

him and continually quarrels with his wife. The friend who telephones you in the middle of the night that he's been ar-

rested.-Life.

Seen on an Ostrich Farm.

It is no uncommon thing to see a male ostrich strutting about followed by three or four distinct broods, all of different sizes. When the incubating process is completed the cock bird leads his young ones off and, if he meets another proud papa, engages in a terrific combat with him. The vanquished bird retires without a single chick, while the other, surrounded by the two broods, walks away triumphantly.

Just a Precaution.

"So you are attending cooking It was finally decided to place him in a school?" said the friend. "Are you harrel and roll him down a hill. Before going to do your own work after you are married?"

"No; I want to be able to teach my husband how to prepare the meals in an emergency."

Too Much.

Doctor-Have you tried counting up to 100? Insomnia Patient-Yes, but at | to their simple life and says that + "Right in this way, sir, if you wish forty I remember that's the amount of | + the extra years which the clergy + to see some deer stalking!" shouted your bill, and at eighty my wife's new gown gets my goat!-Exchange.

More Than Serious. Eulalia (elderly heiress) — Do you think the baron regards me seriously? Rosa-Seriously? Why, my dear, every time I mention you he looks positively

Tightwad. Miss B.-What a frightful night for a dance! But, of course, you've a taxi? Frugal Suitor-Well, not exactly, but I've brought you rubbers.-Life.

sad.-Fliegende Blaetter.

Natural Preference. "Do you believe much in wives to or-

der?" "I'd rather have one ready maid."-Baltimore American.

Good Night He-Let me stay an hour more, dear; just an hour by the clock. She-But. Billie, the clock doesn't need company. -Penn Froth

The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.-Napoleon 1,

In Northern France.

It is strange and terrible to visit Paris-and no one can be happy-but to one who has loved France it is far worse to visit the lovely northern country. There is here a sense of emptiness, as if terror still hushed the normal cheerful noises of mankind. The people of these regions have lost everything. Their houses are burned: their animals, even the rabbits, are gone; their farm implements are shapeless pieces of grotesquely melted iron. They live in temporary, patched shelters and in the houses built by the Society of Friends or mass themselves in some nearby village that escaped destruction. After a time in this silent country one gets the sense that destruction is normal, and tears start to one's eyes at the sight of an undestroyed French village smiling in the sun. So changed are all values that I could feel nothing strange in the words of the woman who told me: "Fortunately my husband is a hunchback. He can't go to the war."-Mary Heaton Vorse in Century.

Abused Superlatives. It is hard to make people understand that the adjective almost invariably weakens the noun and that the word "very," for instance, does not strengthen a statement, but qualifies it. But the use of the superlative is even more abused. We talk of the "unimpeachable" honesty of somebody or other. knowing perfectly well that anybody's honesty may be impeached. What seems to be required is a readjustment of our habits of thought and better teaching of the value of words and even of the usefulness of grammar. A superlative necessarily involves an axiom. It commits you, like saying that the sum of the angles of any triangle is equal to two right angles. Your dilemma arises when you try to prove it. "Impregnability" and "invulnerability" and all other superlatives in general use are posing as axioms when they are mostly fallacies .- Wall Street Jour-

Taking Him Down.

lawyer with a liking for billiards ad occasion recently to visit a small own in the west of Scotland, While here, seeking to pass the time, he ound a new and excellent billiard tane. Upon inquiring if there was anybody about who could play the land ford referred him to one of the natives. They played several games, but the he might, the countryman won every

"Mr. -.. the lawyer remarked, "I've quite a reputation at home. They consider me a good billiard play er, but I'm not in your class. May I inquire how long you have played?"

"Oh, for a while back," replied the native. "But, I say, I dinna want to burt yer feelin's, but you're the first fellow I ever beat!"-London Tit-Bits.

Victor Hugo.

Victor Hugo was born at Besancon, France, Feb. 26, 1802; died May 22. 1885. He began his literary work at fourteen, and by 1827 his reputation an exile in the island of Jersey, but after 1870 he returned to France. Forced into politics, he soon became disgusted with its insincerities and resigned his seat in the assembly to which he had been elected. In 1876 he was made a on account of his uncompromising hostility to every form of official trickery.

British Isles.

Great Britain is an island in which Scotland and Wales. Ireland is an is- uncovered. land by itself. These two large islands together, with the numerous small islands adjacent, constitute the British

Lobsters' Shells.

When a lobster is about to shed its shell the latter splits down the back and drops off in two equal parts. Then finger out of a glove.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Winning Long Life.

A recent investigation made to \$ # find out what class of men live # * the longest revealed the fact * * utes the longevity of clergymen * mouth agape. * accumulate are the results of * the animal king.

* rifice and abstemiousness. Moderation is now considered \$ a bloomin' word."-London Mail, the salvation of this life. A + * splendid rule for attaining lon- * * gevity is summed up by the * **❖** United States public health serv- ❖ most races?" * ice in the following curt state- * * ments:

"Other things being equal, it \$ * is the man who leads the well * street car straps."-Louisville Courier-* balanced life who lasts the long- * Journal. * est, whose work to the end is * * uniformly the best; he who nei- * * ther overworks nor overplays, * ◆ neither overeats, overdrinks nor ◆ woman is she? Benham—Oh, I don't + oversleeps; he who maintains a + know. She has one of those standard * standard of simple, healthy diet * faces, with mouth, nose, eyes, etc.-♦ in moderation; who offsets men- ♦ Chicago Herald. * mental condition is such that he * + can enjoy in peace of mind and + * contentment of body the fruits *

+ of his labors."

St. Louis as "Pain Court."

Not many people of today would recognize the metropolis of Missouri by the name "Pain Court," yet that name was quite generally applied to St Louis in its early days. Laclede, who founded it in 1764, loyally called it after his French sovereign, Louis XV. But the people of the other villages up and down the Mississippi and along the Ohio and the Wabash derisively nicknamed it Pain Court. It appears that the French settlers of St. Louis neglected agriculture and devoted nearly all their time to hunting and trapping and trading with the Indians. On this account and because a considerable garrison was maintained at the fort provisions were scarcer and higher priced than they were in the other villages. The people of the latter, who frequently went there to trade, took note of this, especially the high price and scarcity of bread, and dubbed the place Pain Court, which in French signifies short or scant bread. - Exchange.

Drier Than the Camel.

The "wild cow" of Arabia, in reality an antelope, the Beatrix oryx, is said never to drink, which is probably correct, for unless these animals can descend the wells they can find no drinking water for ten months in the year. There is no surface water, and rain falls but precariously during the winter. Only once during my journey did I find a pool of rain water, caught in a hollow rock, and even this I should have passed by without knowing of its existence had not my camels sniffed it from a distance and obstinately refused to be turned from going in that direction. These antelopes, however, are provided by nature with a curious food supply, especially designed as a thirst quencher. This is a parasite which grows on the roots of the desert busbes and forms a long spandix full of water and juice. The antelope dig deep holes in the sand in order to get at these.-Wide World Magazine.

John Bull.

For many generations England has been nicknamed "John Bull." "John Bull" means beefy, brawny and obstinate. It is a popular personification of the English people. He is represented as a bluff, corpulent, irascible old fellow, clad in leather breeches and top boots and carrying a stout oaken cudgel. The nickname is derived from Dr. Arbuthnot's satire entitled "The result was against the lawyer. Try as, History of John Bull," a political skit on the subject of the Spanish succession, first published in 1712 and afterward reprinted complete in Pope's "Miscellany" in 1728

Arbuthnot thus describes John, Bull: "In the main he was an honest, plain dealing fellow, choleric, bold and of very inconstant temper. Very apt to quarrel with his best friends, especially if they pretended to govern him. If you flattered him you might lead him as a child."-Kansas City Star.

Chimneys.

The chimney is something that is relatively new in architecture. Many of the old castles and other buildings was continental. In 1852, on account of Europe which were constructed beof his democratic sympathies, he was fore the fifteenth century have no chimneys. In some of them a flue leads from the back and above the fireplace through the wall to the outer air. It was somewhere about the thirteenth century that in certain buildings the masons began to run the flue senator, but never accomplished much to the top of the building, but the chimneys of that period had openings in the side, the top being roofed over. It was about the fifteenth century that masons began to build chimneys that extended above the roof of the house are located the countries of England. and to leave the top of the chimney

Granulated Butter.

The Chinese preserve their eggs indefinitely by drying them, the yolks and whites being first separated and then each reduced to powder by evaporation. In India butter is treated in much the same way, so that it never becomes stale and may be kept fresh for a hunthe tail slips out of the shell like a dred years. The butter is boiled till all the water and curds are got rid of and nothing remains but clear oil. When the oil cools into a solid it is granulated and in this form will remain fresh indefinitely. This is what they call ghee, and ghee is nothing more or less than dried butter.

Couldn't Fool Him Twice.

The manager of Kidem's great me-# that clergymen live longer than * nagerie had induced all the crowd to ♦ other men. Monell Sayre, who \$ become patrons except one individual, # made the investigation, attrib- * who stood gazing up at him with

* clean personal lives-lives of sac- * "No fear, lad," came the reply. "I * was in yesterday, and none of 'em said

> Just Had to Grow. "Why are American men taller than

"It's a case of evolution." "Huh?"

Nothing Particular. Mrs. Benham-What sort of looking

"We had to grow to reach those

deuced thing about it!-Exchange,

Deliberate with caution, but act with decision; yield with graciousness or oppose with firmness.

Boys and Girls.

The difference is apparent early: A boy has as much fun in stoning a cat as a girl has in hunting for violets. A boy's curiosity is directed to the icebox; a girl would like to see what is in the top bureau drawer.

A girl can give the impression when away from home that her parents are wealthy; a boy cannot.

Every boy is old enough to be welcome to sit in the neighbor girl's parlor many years before his sister thinks he is old enough to sit in the parlor at home.

A girl is never so young that she will reveal to guests at a party that the spoons are borrowed; a boy child never grows so old that he fails to. Give the boy a dollar and he will

eat it; give his sister one and she will wear it. A brother and sister may have hair of the same shade, but the boy's is

called red and the girl's auburn. When brothers fight it is over the larger share of pie; when sisters quarrel one has worn something belonging to the other without asking permission .- Youth's Companion.

The Famous Moslem Kaaba. It is a curious fact that the kaaba, which is one of the great attractions to the pilgrims who go to Mecca and Medina, antedates Mohammed as an institution and consequently is of pagan origin. It is a small building, in one wall of which is set the famous black stone, probably a meteorite, which the pilgrims all seek to kiss. The structure has actually been rebuilt more than once since Mohammed, but its old pagan form has been preserved. It was originally a heathen temple, of such standing among the Arabs that Mohammed felt compelled to adopt it into his new religion and even to permit the continuance of ancient customs concerning it. He did destroy the idols it contained, but he made a great concession to the old prejudices of his converts by making the observance of

the five great precepts of the new faith. Lofty Himalaya.

an old pagan feast of Mecca one of

Himalaya, in south central Asia, is the most elevated and stupendous mountain system on the globe. It is not, as sometimes represented, a single chain, but a system, consisting of several parallel and converging ranges, with a vast number of rugged, snowy peaks, separated by great elevated valleys and plateaus. On the north the system descends to the elevated plateau of Tibet, on the south to the depression drained by the Ganges and the Indus. The system starts with the Karakoram, in the Pamirs, whence it trends southeast and east, sweeping in a broad curve, convex, southward. The mass of the Himalaya proper extends from the great bend of the Indus in the west to the great bend of the Brahmaputra in the east, a distance of nearly 1,500 miles.

First Horse Omnibus.

The first horse omnibus was seen in the neighborhod of Nantes in 1826 and ran to facilitate access to a bathing establishment which a M. Baudry had set up in the outskirts of that town.

"The name of these vehicles," M. Baudry said, "shall be omnibus-that is to say, 'open to all'" The venture was so successful that a limited company was formed to inaugurate a similar enterprise in Paris. The Parisian experiment was at first a failure, but after its originator had manifested his disappointment by drowning himself in the Canal St. Martin others reaped a rich harvest from his ideas.

No Immediate Benefits.

Things looked black for the dramatist. For the fourth time in one season They passed in the middle. a play had been withdrawn after a week's run.

"Cheer up, old man," said a consoling friend. "Perhaps posterity will recognize the genius displayed in your Undaunted by Submarine Menace, Miss plays." "Maybe," said the dramatist bitter-

ly, "but the difficulty is that so far as I am concerned posterity is on the free list."-New York Times.

Talleyrand.

Talleyrand's conservatism was summed up by a witty compatriot, Paul de Courrier, who on one occasion declared that if Talleyrand had been present at the creation he would have exclaimed: "Good gracious! Chaos will be destroyed!"

When It's True.

"There's no sentiment in business," he said coldly.

"Not when you want to give some body a little the worst of it," the other fellow replied .- Detroit Free Press.

********* * PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Use of Mineral Oil.

Dr. Le Tanneur contributes to

the Paris Medical some practical \$ points in the use of mineral oil \$ in constipation. The oil, he says, \$ + is in no way digested or even + * modified by the juices of the * * stomach and intestines. It acts * * as a lubricant and nothing else, * + though it tends to heal abrasions + of the intestinal wall caused by # THIS MAN LEARNS TO + rough particles of food.

The New York Medical Jour- *

+ nal says mineral oil should be + ♦ naturally without it, for the min- ♦ 🕱 been fitted with artificial arms 🕱 ♦ eral oil is in no sense a cathar- ♦ 💥 and can feed himself, for the 🕱 + tic, but it will cure constipation. + # first time in eleven years.

FUNSTON'S ESCAPE

Narrowly Missed Being Shot by General Fitzhugh Lee.

LEE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM.

Captor of Aguinaldo Had Long Hair, Unkempt Beard and Gaunt Appearance and Approached Lee Cautiously. Got Aboard Steamer Next Day Without Arousing Suspicion.

Washington.-There are many stories told here of Major General Fred Funston, whose death occurred recently. One of the stories has to do with General Fitzhugh Lee, now dead, who often told how near he came to shooting the intrepid captor of Aguinaldo, the Filipino chief.

Just before the Maine was blown up General Lee received many threats that he would be killed and was in daily fear of his life. Soon after being warned of a plot to slay him the American consul general at Havana got one of the worst scares in his life.

He was alone in his office when the door opened and one of the worst looking faces he had ever seen looked in at him. The man had long hair, unkempt beard and a gaunt appearance. His hat was full of holes, his shoes about all gone, and he had no clothing apparently but a linen duster. He approached General Lee cautiously, and the latter instinctively grasped his revolver. "If that fellow had once put his hand under his duster I am positive I would have shot him without wait-

ing for a word," said General Lee. "I was satisfied he had been hired to come and kill me. When he approached to a speaking distance he astonished me by asking in good English if I was General Lee. I told him I was and asked him who he was. He said he belonged to the Cuban army, was General Gomez's chief of artillery and wanted to go back to the United States.

"He said he was from Kansas and had enough of the Cubans. I told him he was taking his life in his hands by coming into the Spanish lines and if he was caught they would make quick work of him as a spy.

"He said he didn't care. I was satisfled he was telling the truth and sent him out for a bath and hair cut. When he came back in a new suit of clothes you wouldn't have recognized him as the same man. I got him aboard a steamer the next day without arousing any suspicion. He landed safely in the United States. That man was General Funston, who captured Aguinaldo."

INTERSTATE BRIDGE OPENED.

\$1,750,000 Structure Between Washington and Oregon In Use.

Vancouver, Wash .- In a din of steamboat whistles, clanging bells and cheers from thousands of spectators the new \$1.750.000 interstate bridge between Oregon and Washington was opened.

The structure is one of the longest in the world, four miles, including approaches. It spans the Columbia river between Vancouver and Multnomah

counties a few miles from Portland. When the great central draw was lowered into place a street car crowded with officials and noted visitors crossed slowly. That was the signal for an outburst of noise such as the old Columbia river never heard before. A procession of flag bedecked automobiles followed the car, and another long line of machines started at the same time from the Washington side.

SHE BRAVES U BOATS.

Floretty Sails to Meet Lover.

Philadelphia. - Believing that woman's place is in the home, after all, Miss Nellie Floretty of Liverpool has given up her job in an English munitions factory to marry a Clifton Heights

shoemaker. Hereafter Miss Floretty's pretty hands will make bread instead of bullets. She became the bride of Samuel Kooyoomjian, an Armenian shoemaker. employed in a shop at Clifton Heights, thus ending-or perhaps beginning-a romance that had its origin five years ago when Kooyoomjian deserted the Turkish army and made his way to

Liverpool. Undaunted by the kaiser's submarine warfare, Miss Floretty, twenty-three years old, pretty and blond, left Liverpool, landing in New York on the steamer Kroonland.

Bible Saves Man's Life.

Philadelphia.-An old Bible tucked in his vest pocket saved the life of George Tustin, forty-four, when, according to the police, his companion and roommate, Frank Hatfield, stabbed him just below the heart. The knife penetrated his breast after passing through the Bible, inflicting a serious wound. Hat field has been arrested.

READ WITH TONGUE W

₩ Chicago.—The loss of his sight ₩ * standard of simple, decay and both arms in a mine explosion in moderation; who offsets mental work with physical recreation; who is as honest with his tion; who is as honest with his town town body as he is with his own town body as he is with his own town business. When success comes town business town business. When success comes town business town b and both arms in a mine explo-